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SUBJECT: BANANAS: U.S. PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH
UPEB MEMBERS

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 1827 AND STATE 098067

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH ECONOFF MAY 24, MINECON BENNATON REITERATED
INTEREST IN U.S. PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATIONS. HE STATED THAT MATTER
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RAISED IN COSTA RICA MEETING OF UPEB AND RECEIVED FAVORABLE RESPONSE.

BENNATON, HOWEVER, APPEARS TO BE SEEKING BROADER CONSULTATIONS THAN ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED.

2. BENNATON STATED THAT A SUITABLE SIT FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS COULD BE WASHINGTON. HE BELIEVES THAT MINISTERIAL LEVEL PARTICIPATION ON PART OF BANANA PRODUCING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SOME NOT CONNECTED WITH UNION OF BANANA EXPORTING COUNTRIES (UPEB). BENNATON AWAITING FINAL MINUTES OF COSTA RICA MEETING BEFORE FORMULATING SPECIFIC PROPOSAL. HE ASKS WASHINGTON'S VIEWS ON A MEETING TO COVER THE BANANA PROBLEM AS A WHOLE.

3. BENNATON STATED THAT SOME INITIATIVE TOWARD A CONFERENCE WAS ALSO BEING GENERATED IN COLOMBIA.

4. COMMENT: BENNATON THINKING OF MUCH BROADER CONFERENCE THAN ORIGINALLY PROPOSED, BUT HAS NOT DEFINED HOW MUCH BROADER. HE OBVIOUSLY IS SEEKING SOMETHING MORE COMPREHENSIVE THAN CONSULTATIONS OVER DRAFT UPEB AGREEMENT AND THE MUTUAL PREOCCUPATIONS ABOUT BANANA LEVY. THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
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